

# OUTSIDE INVESTORS BUY WASHINGTON PROPERTY

## NATION'S FIRES EQUAL COST OF NEW BUILDINGS

### Western Paper Makes Startling Statement and Gives Comparisons.

Washington and other American cities are far behind European cities in fire protection, and suffer greater losses per capita through inferior building, lax building requirements, and inefficient fire departments, according to Real Estate News, of Chicago, in an interesting article on "Increased Destruction by Fire," in the current issue. The writer says:

"That improved methods of construction and more careful inspection of building operations by public officials are not keeping pace with the normal growth of improvements is evident from the amount of fire losses in 1927. According to figures given by the Journal of Commerce the fire losses for the United States and Canada for the past year aggregate \$215,671,250. This information is especially appalling in view of the fact that no serious conflagrations have occurred during the year. The amount has been exceeded only twice in the history of the country, in 1904 and 1906, the years of the Baltimore and San Francisco fires.

The fire losses for the past ten years have increased from \$115,650,500 in 1918 to \$215,671,250 in 1927.

#### Increase Is Great.

From these figures it may be seen that, deducting \$280,000,000, the amount of the San Francisco conflagration, from the figures for 1927, the losses for 1927 are 26 per cent larger than the normal losses for 1926; also that losses by fire in the United States and Canada have increased 90 per cent in the last ten years.

The explanation given by fire underwriters for this increase is that the remarkable expansion of building operations during the past ten years has not been met by a corresponding development of protection from fire. The cities have failed rigidly to enforce their building ordinances, and have, in many cases, allowed their fire department services to become inefficient. Efforts have been made by a special committee of the National Board of Underwriters to bring about the adoption of a standard building code, but a still more active campaign must be waged during the year 1928, if the increase is to be checked.

Such a waste of property is unheard of in European nations, where buildings are much more substantial and permanent, and where the requirements are rigidly enforced by the government officials. In this connection some interesting statistics are given by the Realty Record and Builder, of St. Louis.

#### Per Capita Loss Heavy.

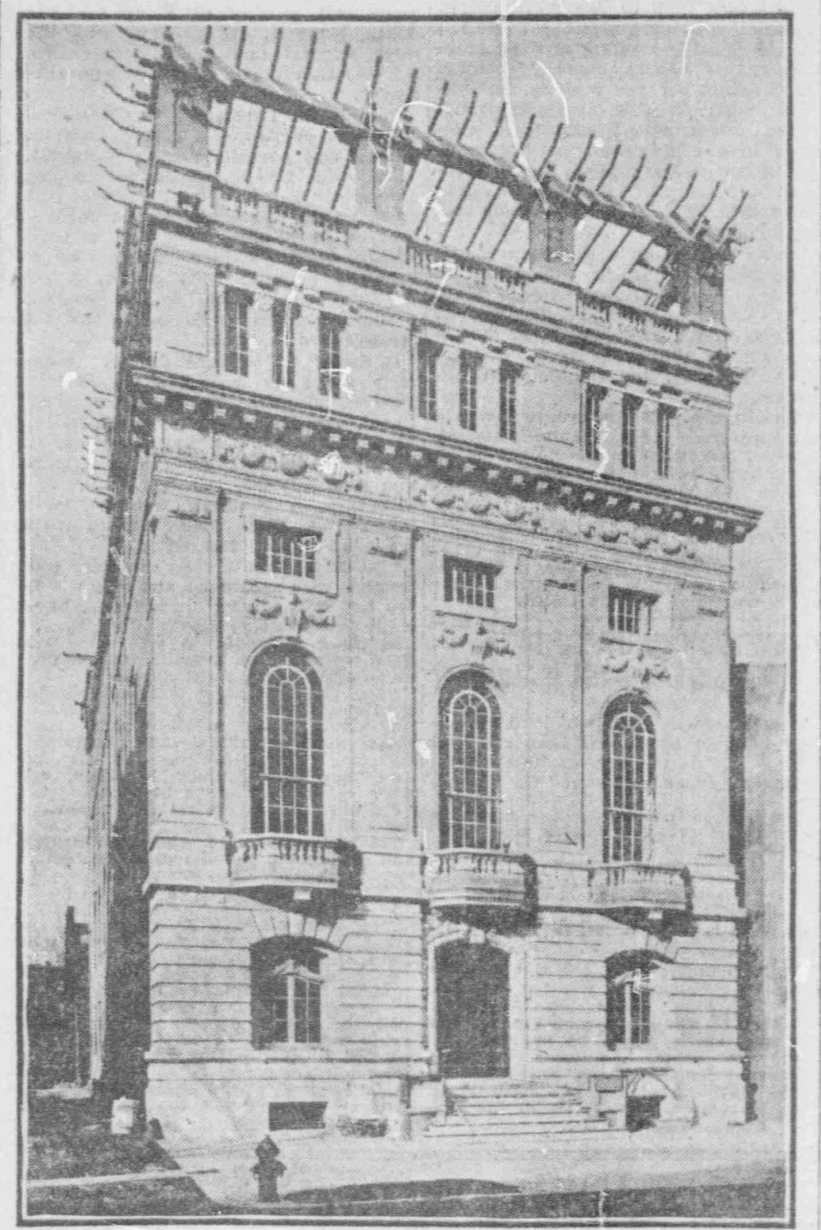
According to its figures there are yearly in forty-three cities of Europe but eighty-six fires per 1,000 people; in the United States there are 4.05 per 1,000. Our fire loss, not including the cost of fire departments, etc., is over \$2 per capita; in Europe it is less than 33 cents per capita. Washington, D. C., with 300,000 inhabitants, lost last year in its 846 fires lost \$28,744 and its fire department service for the year cost \$48,030. Berlin, a city of 2,100,000 people, had during the same period 2,069 fires, but lost only \$19,295 and paid out for fire department service \$312,000. Rome, with 600,000 inhabitants, lost but \$56,000 and its fire department service cost only \$60,000. In the United States our fire losses for a year, plus the cost of maintaining fire departments, amount to almost as much as the cost of all new buildings erected in our most prosperous year. We have yet to learn from European countries how to build, how to protect buildings already constructed, and how to enforce building requirements.

## MURRAY ACCEPTS PLACE WITH WILLIAM MATTESSON

William B. Murray, who for four years has been manager of the Murray Engineering Company of Georgetown, has resigned his position to accept a place with William F. Matteson.

Mr. Matteson is handling the subdivision of Cathedral Highlands, located at the intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin avenues, and Northwest Park, which lies just over the District line on the Washington and Rockville car line.

## ELKS' NEW CLUBHOUSE NEARING COMPLETION



ELKS' NEW HOME, IN H STREET, WHICH WILL BE THROWN OPEN TO MEMBERS APRIL 1.

### Committee Selecting Furniture Preparatory to the Opening.

The Elks' new home, on H street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, now presents a finished appearance, and a committee is busy selecting and installing furniture. The clubhouse is one of the important late additions to Washington's semi-public architecture.

April 1 has been set as the date on which the new rooms will be thrown open to members. The election of a new exalted ruler will take place on that date. This was the time set for the completion of the contract by the builders, the Charles J. Cassidy Company, when ground was broken for the building in November, 1926. Not only is the building completed within contract time, but it will be ready for the use

of members then. The formal dedication of the building, however, will not take place until next fall.

The building is particularly attractive. It is a four-story structure of white brick and has a roof garden extending over almost the entire roof. This is of the pergola construction in order to provide for vine coverings. Three tall arched windows opening upon handsome stone balconies are features of the front.

The new home will be an ideal clubhouse, equipped with every modern convenience. A stage with convenient dressing-rooms will afford ample facilities for entertainments and benefit performances. The Washington lodge of Elks was installed in 1882. Its first meeting place was McMenamin's Hall. It was moved to the corner of Moore's Hall, Ninth street. In 1914 the lodge moved to its present quarters in E street. The cornerstone was laid June 11, last year. B. Stanley Simmons, a member of the lodge, prepared the plans, being awarded the contract over five competitors.

#### HE LAUGHED.

"Boohoo! Boohoo!" wailed little Johnny. "Why, what's the matter, dear?" his mother asked comfortingly. "Boohoo—er—p—picture on papa's toes."

"Well, dear, that's too bad, but you mustn't cry about it, you know." "I d-d-didn't. I l-laughed. Boohoo! Boohoo!"—Everybody's Magazine.



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## CHURCH TO BUILD A NEW OFFICE

### Christ Lutheran Congregation Plans Gothic Structure.

Tentative plans have been adopted for the erection of a church building on the lot at the corner of New Jersey avenue and Morgan street northwest, owned by Christ English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. Action was taken at a recent meeting of the board of control.

The plans outlined at the meeting, and which were shown by sketches of the floor and the two front elevations of the building, provide for a structure purely Gothic in design. The building is to be built of granite, with six large stained glass windows and will have a square tower at the corner.

Christ Congregation has been in existence thirteen years, and during that time has used the basement of the parsonage, which was built immediately after the organization was effected, for purposes of worship. During that time it has grown so that its present quarters are found to be too small, and it was this need that prompted the board of control to adopt resolutions providing for the construction of a church suited to the present and future needs of the congregation.

The officers of the congregation, upon whom will devolve the work of construction, are George Johannes, president; Joseph P. Stubner, secretary, and O. H. Gaede, treasurer. Dr. C. C. Morhart has been the pastor of the church since its organization.

## PROPERTIES ARE BOUGHT; HELD AS INVESTMENTS

Stone & Fairfax have sold the store and dwelling, 41 Eighth street northwest, and the two-story brick dwelling, 1908 K street northwest.

The eighth street property has a frontage of twenty-five feet, and a depth of ninety feet to an alley, and the K street house fronts eighteen feet on K street, adjoining the corner of Nineteenth street. Both of these houses are under rental of more than \$600 a year.

These properties will be retained by the purchasers as investments.

#### CAUTIOUS SCOT.

"One wretched, blustery day," said a man, "I had a cap with ear tabs on when I met Mr. Carnegie in the street. He joked me about my ear tabs. He said there was an old Scot who always used to curl—your know the game—in ear tabs, but one bitter day he appeared on the ice minus the tabs, and he said: 'Hello, whaur's yer auld lug warmers?' 'Oh,' was the reply, 'I've never worn them since my accident.' 'Accident?' What accident? A man offered me a drink, an' wif the dashed daps I didna hear him."—Illustrated Bits.

#### WORLD'S OUTPUT OF IRON ORE.

It is estimated that the world's output of iron ore in 1926 was about 125,000,000 tons, the principal producers being the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Spain. In the order given, these countries accounting for about 18 per cent of the total output. The figures show a decrease in the United States there was an output of 7,000,000 tons more than in 1925, the total being rather than 50,000,000 tons. In Germany there was an increase of over 3,000,000 tons, and in the United Kingdom and Spain of 1,000,000 tons each.

There was a further increase in the production of steel in the United States, while the production of Germany increased by about 1,000,000 tons, and that of the United Kingdom by about 600,000 tons.

#### FOR RENT HOUSES.

47 24 st. n.w., brick, 10 rooms; all m.t. \$45.00. 322 Fla. ave. n.w., 6 rooms; all mod. \$25.00. 1221 4th st. n.w., 5 rms and water; large yard; cars past door. \$20.00. 607 flowers court n.w., 4 rms and water. \$15.00. 712 Jefferson st. n.w., Brightwood Park, 6 rooms and water. \$12.00. CHAS. S. SHREVE, 1007 17th st. n.w., fe23-3t

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FOR RENT—Houses, apartments, and offices in all parts of the city. For detailed list send or call at our office. THOS. J. FISHER & CO. (INC.), REAL ESTATE, LOANS AND INSURANCE BROKERS. 728 15th st. n.w. fe23-1t

FOR RENT—323 Allison st. n.w., 6 rooms and bath; steam heat; large porch; front Colonial. Apply CHAS. E. THIBBY, 728 15th st. n.w. fe23-1t

#### FOR RENT—FLATS.

11TH ST. N.W., 727—Five-room flat; steam heat; central. fe23-3t

#### FOR RENT—APARTMENTS.

14TH ST. N.W., 212—Five rooms, bath, porch, yard and hot water heat. \$21.50. KARRICK & METCALF, 1820 New York ave. fe23-1t

#### WANTED—APARTMENTS.

SMALL furnished housekeeping apartment for short term by young couple; best references. BOX 117, Times office. fe23-3t

#### FOR RENT—STABLES.

FOR RENT—A two-story brick stable; room for two horses and a carriage, or 2 automobiles. Rear of 1508 G st. fe23-1t

#### F.R. RENT—STORES.

NICE STORE room for rent; suitable for any business. Apply 812 H st. n.e. fe23-1t

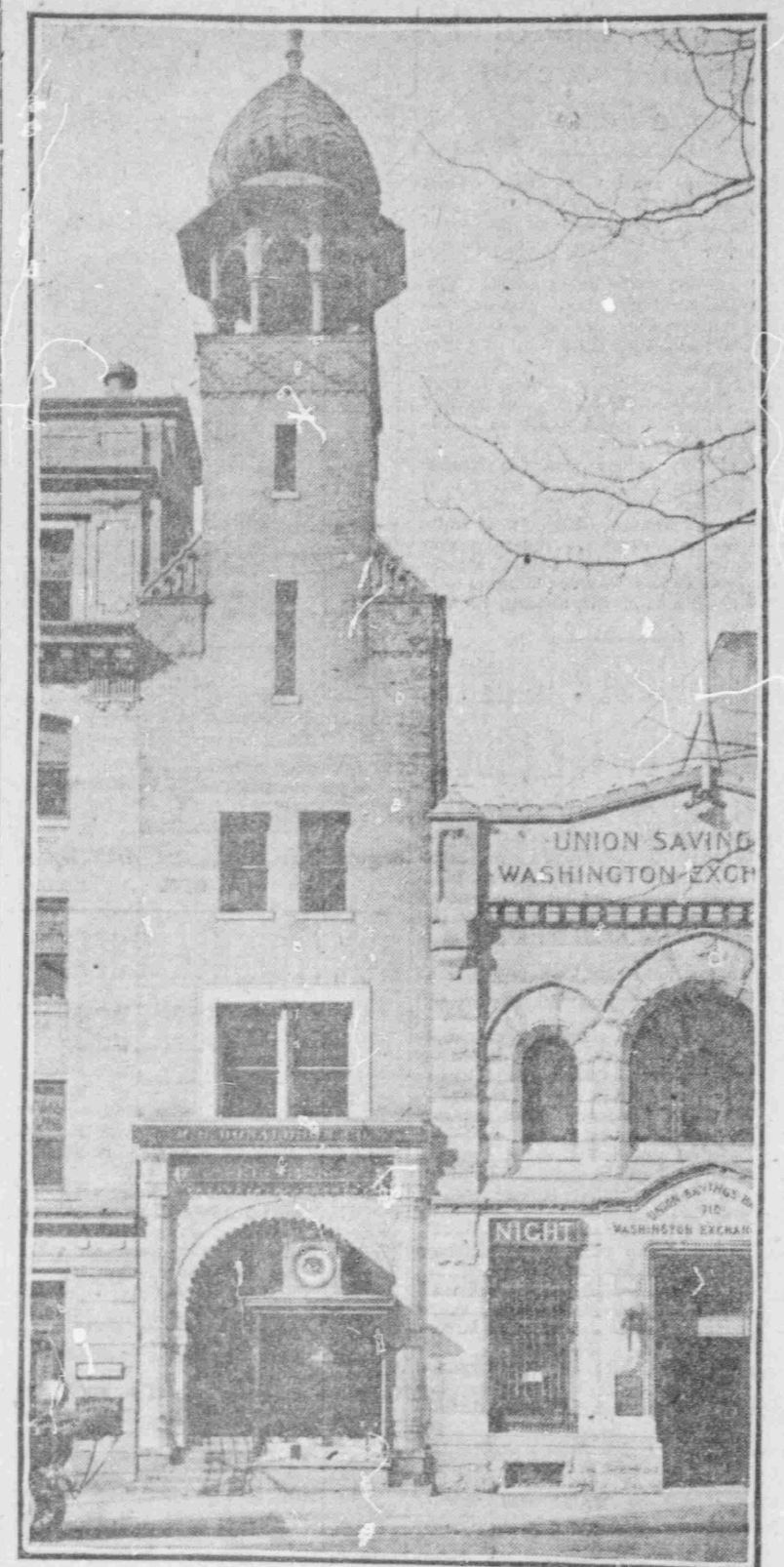
#### FOR RENT—OFFICES.

NEW YORK AVE., 1320—Office building, two first floor rooms, large and bright; 333 KARRICK & METCALF, 1820 New York ave. fe23-1t

DESIRABLE office room, Walter Building, 1918 P st. n.w., opposite Woodward and Lothrop; \$10 per month. fe23-1t

DESK ROOM or office space for rent; 2d floor front room; reasonable terms. Apply room 22 Jordan building, corner 12th and G sts. n.w. fe23-1t

## W. G. KINSMAN OPENS HANDSOME STORE



W. G. KINSMAN'S NEW STORE, Which Has Been Well Furnished in Mission Style.

W. G. Kinsman has taken a five-year lease on the first floor of the old Riggs Fire Insurance Company's building, on Fourteenth street between G street and New York avenue. The building is between the Commercial National Bank and the Washington Exchange Bank.

The premises were occupied for some time by the Washington office of Henry Clews & Co., and by the Riggs Fire Insurance Company prior to that time. It is one of the most peculiar office buildings in point of architecture in the Capital. A tall, narrow building, it is surmounted by a tower in which is hung a large alarm bell. This was

once used to sound all fire alarms, and its tones are well remembered by Washingtonians. This practice was discontinued, however, by a police regulation forbidding the sounding of loud alarm bells as fire signals.

Mr. Kinsman, who for many years has conducted an optical establishment at 905 F street, has moved his place of business to the Fourteenth street building and fitted the rooms up elaborately.

An empire green velvet carpet, mis-

sion furniture and fixtures, and wall decorations of dark green make a most attractive office. A new plate glass front has been put in, adding decidedly to the appearance of the building.

#### FOR SALE—HOUSES.

FOR SALE—1311-1312 East Capitol st., seven and eight rooms; finished in hardwood; laundry, concrete cellar; hot-water heat; all modern improvements. Owner, 1324 East Capitol st. fe23-3t

\$2,900. RENT \$7.50; new house; for home or investment; is worth \$4,000; high, healthy; northwest. Call 118 D st. n.e. (home 7 to 9) fe23-3t

\$3,700—Modern 6-room-and-bath brick; EASY TERMS; near Pennsylvania ave. sec. 2; cellar and furnace; tiled vestibule; large yard. WM. H. SAUNDERS & CO., 1407 P st. fe23-3t

FOR SALE—Six-room brick on Wisconsin ave., a bargain; only \$2,100; pays 10 per cent gross on investment. 232 and N st. HENRY W. OPPUT, fe23-1t

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On Very Easy Terms. A pretty new house in convenient location, 24 room, front 5 rooms, bath, with modern plumbing, stationary washstand, concrete cellar; guaranteed furnace; handsomely finished throughout. fe23-3t

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FOR RENT or sale; small farm; near car line and city; 22 acres; fine house and outbuildings; excellent water; rent \$18 month. Apply 1424 P st. n.e. fe23-2t

#### FOR SALE—FARMS.

FOR SALE—Farm, 19 acres, 6 room house, barn, hen house; part in wood, and part in cultivation; good water. Inquire 1015 New York ave. n.w. fe23-3t

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BEAUTIFUL new houses; 7 rooms; outbuildings, lot 30x15; granite sidewalk; mile to electric car; prices, \$2,500 to \$3,000. COLLINGS, Real Estate, Clarendon, Va. fe23-3t

FOR SALE—New eight-room house; Woodridge, C. C. Two blocks south electric station, facing three streets, \$100 cash, balance \$100 monthly payments. Inquire F. J. DEUDONNE, 428 7th st. n.w. fe23-3t

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FOR SALE—In Hyattsville, new 8-room house with all modern improvements, fine porch, situation high; furnace; large lot; good neighborhood; near car line. ARTHUR CARR, Hyattsville, Md. fe23-3t

FOR SALE—Five-room (new), 1/2 acre of land; 8 minutes to car line; bargain at \$1,300; terms easy; also farm for sale. ARTHUR CARR, Hyattsville, Md. fe23-3t

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FOR RENT—Good suburban houses in Hyattsville well located; modern improvements. ARTHUR CARR, Hyattsville, Md. fe23-3t

## OUTSIDER PLACES \$20,000 IN REALTY

### South Dakota Man Buys Four Two-Family Apartment Houses.

Interest among persons not residents of the District in Washington real estate for investment purposes was again demonstrated in the announcement yesterday of the sale by William H. Saunders & Co. of four two-family apartment houses to James B. White, of South Dakota.

Mr. White paid \$20,000 for this property, which is at the corner of Thirty-fifth and F streets. Although he is able to place money at 8 per cent with good security in South Dakota, Mr. White finds it more profitable to invest in real estate at the Capital that returns a good interest and is enhancing in value as well.

Several other sales to non-residents have been made recently, indicating that this feature in local development is gaining steadily. Washington real estate seems to be recommending itself as a sound and remunerative investment to all Americans, whether their interests are in the city or not.

## INDIAN PYTHON CARES FOR YOUNG

### Snake Watches Over Little Reptiles Like a Mammal.

Most people know that vipers bring forth their young alive and that the common English grass snake deposits its eggs to be hatched by the heat of decaying matter. Some of the great constricting snakes, however, exercise a certain amount of care over their eggs, gathering them in a heap and coiling around them till the young make their way out or are helped into the world by the kindly offices of the keepers who break away the hardened shell.

A case of this kind occurred with the Indian python in the Tower menagerie in the early part of the last century, and others are on record at the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, the Regent's Park gardens, and at a later date to those at Leipzig. An incubation which has been unusually successful is just recorded from the Tierpark of Herr August Fockelmann at Gross-Bornst, near Hamburg.

In August last he bought a large reticulated python from a sailor trading to the east. Within a month she began to lay eggs, and when one was examined it was found to contain a partly developed embryo. As time went on others were opened, and in this way the proprietor obtained a series of specimens of young in different stages of development. The mother python paid the greatest attention to her eggs, leaving them only at night, when she went for a time into the bath.

The general results appear to have been far better than have hitherto been obtained. At Regent's Park, though it was found that the eggs had been fertilized, no living young were produced. At Gross-Bornst twenty-seven young pythons came out, and their owner described them as very large little reptiles, with much the appearance of common grass snakes, measuring from two to three inches to thirty inches in length and being readily able to do anything offered to them with sufficient force to make an impression on one's finger.

On November 23 they took food for the first time—white mice of a pretty good size. It will thus be seen that the possible condition and should they reach maturity the fact of their having been hatched in confinement will not doubt enhance their value considerably, for this appears to be the first instance in which this particular species has so bred.—London Tribune.

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